

I am absolutely opposed to any ruling that would limit XM Radio's ability in any way to provide me with local information including traffic and weather. The attempt by the National Association of Broadcasters is obviously not an attempt to provide valuable services to consumers but rather an attempt to protect their own corporate interests. I'm ashamed that any government agency that I support with my tax dollars would actually consider a proposal to limit my access to information.

Not long ago, prior to attempting one of my 1.5 hour commutes home, I heard a rumor of a major traffic incident on my route. I attempted to find information about this using both AM and FM radio and was not able to find a single bit of information. In fact, that's one of the major reasons I purchased an XM radio. Because of XM Instant Traffic and Weather, I'm able to get realtime information exactly when I need it.

I respectfully urge you to reject the NAB's petition 04-160.

-Mike Hogan